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Report to the Community about Disability Services

DDS PRESENTS FINDINGS OF THE STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Washington, DC— The Department on Disability Services, Rehabilitation Services Administration (DCRSA) and the State Rehabilitation Council will present findings of the 2017 Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment on Monday, November 6, 10 am, at 250 E Street, SW. Dr. Chaz Compton of the Interwork Institute at San Diego State University and representatives from the Arc of DC will lead the discussion.

The District of Columbia conducts a comprehensive needs assessment of disability services every three years as required by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. More than 400 people participated in the 2017 assessment through interviews, focus groups, and electronic surveys. Data collected examined the overall performance of DCRSA; the needs of individuals with the most significant disabilities; the needs of youth and students with disabilities; and the needs of business. Results of the assessment will assist the Department on Disability Services with program development, outreach, and allocation of resources to address the needs of people with disabilities. A copy of the report is available on the DDS website at dds.dc.gov.

WHAT: Report to the Community: Findings of the 2017 Comprehensive

Statewide Needs Assessment for Disability Services

WHEN: November 6, 2017

10 am - Noon

WHERE: Department on Disability Services

250 E St., SW

WHO: Dr. Chaz Compton of the Interwork Institute at San Diego State University

Representatives from the Arc of DC

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The Department on Disability Services is a dynamic organization serving people with disabilities through the services of was Developmental Disabilities Administration and the Rehabilitation Services Administration. This comprehensive collaborative approach provides innovative high quality services that enable people with disabilities to lead productive lives as vital members of their families, schools, workplaces, and communities. Learn more at www.facebook.com/DDS.DC.